

History of Past Week

The News Happenings of Seven Days Paragraphed

INTERMOUNTAIN.

Seattle's shipyards will resume operations after having been idle since 25,000 metal trades workers walked out on January 21 on a strike for a higher wage scale.

"As lovers of your country and as lovers of mankind, I ask you to use all your influence with our senators to have the treaties embodying the league of nations idea," declared William Howard Taft, former president of the United States, in an address at Helena.

Fifty-three alleged radicals, all of Industrial Workers of the World affiliation, have been arrested by city and county authorities as a result of the recent general strike at Seattle.

Renunciation of the principles and teachings of the Industrial Workers of the World and a promise to support the constitution of the United States are included in an affidavit filed in superior court at Spokane by James Nevin, convicted last July in police court of violation of the municipal criminal syndicalism ordinance.

The president has nominated Hugh C. Wallace of Seattle, ambassador to France, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of William Graves Sharp.

A threatening letter, signed "White Caps" and bearing the drawing of a man's left hand, has been received by Mayor W. F. R. Mills of Denver. The letter threatens the life of Mayor Mills if immediate action is not taken to secure employment for the men of Denver now out of work.

No clues were found which would lead to the arrest of those guilty of exploding dynamite under the home of C. H. Nolan, a miner, who had been working at the St. Lawrence mine, at Butte, despite the strike. No one in the Nolan household was injured.

DOMESTIC.

A general strike of union labor on April 1, the date of the municipal election, for the purpose of aiding the new Labor party's ticket, was approved by the Chicago Federation of Labor, which phrased its expression to declare "a day off in making profits for the bosses."

Resources of \$44,675,273 are shown in the annual report of the general education board, founded by John D. Rockefeller to promote education in the United States, issued at New York.

Sailing as an "argosy of life and hope" to the 4,000,000 destitute people of the Holy Land and other regions of the near east, the steamship Leviathan left New York on Sunday for France with the largest contingent of missionaries, doctors and relief workers ever sent overseas at one time on such a mission.

The American Library association has shipped to soldiers overseas more than 2,000,000 books—650,000 of them since the signing of the armistice—it was announced Saturday at New York.

G. C. Rankin, 69 years old, well known Republican leader for many years, died in a hospital at Monmouth, Ill., after a long illness. Under the administrations of Presidents Roosevelt and Taft he served as general receiver of insolvent banks in the United States.

The Union Pacific system will receive \$38,552,928 as government compensation for rental in 1918, and the Central New England \$1,468,123, under contracts signed by Director General Hines.

The bullet-riddled body of Will Faulkner, a negro, was found hanging to a tree about ten miles north of Shreveport, La. He had been accused of attacking a white woman.

Nearly \$2,000,000 in counterfeit gold and silver certificates, ranging in denominations of from \$100 to \$1000, was seized by the police Friday in a raid on a richly furnished apartment in New Orleans.

Army and naval experts have reported the device of John Hays Hammond, Jr., for radio control of surface craft to be sent laden with explosives against enemy ships, a success, and predict similar results with submerged craft showing above water only wire antennae.

The copper mines of the Jerome, Arizona district closed down February 13 for a period, the managers said, of from six to eight months, following troubles which started last week, when the owners announced a wage cut of 75 cents a day. Six thousand miners and other workers, with a tributary population estimated at 18,000 more, are affected.

Joseph Bolton, a wealthy farmer residing near Lyons, Kans., shot and instantly killed his wife, and later in the afternoon after a running fight with the sheriff's posse sent out to apprehend him, committed suicide at the home of his son, Darwin Bolton, a few miles away.

Horsemen from all parts of the United States attended the Park Farm disposal sale held at Springfield, O. Sixty head were sold for \$33,190, many of them being brood mares and colts, and the property of the late John Snyder.

A call for a "jubilee" convention of suffragists to be held at St. Louis March 24 to 29 has been issued by Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the National American Woman Suffrage association.

A table showing the number of men furnished to the army by each state during the war has been made public at the war department. New York led, with 367,864, and Nevada stood last, with 5105 in the total of 3,757,624 men obtained by draft, voluntary enlistment or through the national guard.

Fed by large quantities of rosin and turpentine, fire of undetermined origin destroyed the plant of the Southern Fertilizer & Chemical company and burned a swath three city blocks at Savannah, Ga.

WASHINGTON.

President Wilson has cabled a request to the foreign relations committee of congress to defer debate on the proposed league of nations until he had an opportunity to go over it "article by article" with the members.

The sixty-fifth congress has entered upon the final fortnight of its existence with hope of passing all of the almost unprecedented mass of pending legislation virtually abandoned by most leaders. Night sessions of the senate and house until March 4 have been ordered, but the belief is growing that an early extra session of the new congress will be necessary.

President Wilson sailed for home on February 15, and expects to reach Boston on February 25.

Serious unrest, fanned by revolutionary propaganda, is spreading through the country, while congress refuses to heed the danger and busies itself with "pork barrel" legislation. Senator Thomas of Colorado declared in the senate.

With the vote of Vice President Marshall breaking a tie, the senate defeated a motion by Senator Johnson of California, Republican, to proceed with consideration of his resolutions proposing an expression by the senate for withdrawal of American troops from Russia as soon as practicable.

Prevention of unemployment is the purpose of a bill introduced Friday by Senator Kenyon of Iowa providing for the establishment of a federal industrial relations commission.

FOREIGN.

Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau, German foreign secretary, discussing Germany's foreign policy in the national assembly, declared he had resisted and would continue to resist allied attempts to make Germany demobilize all her military forces.

Figures submitted by the Belgian commission show that nearly 600 miles of railroad track were destroyed completely by the Germans, and nearly 200 miles virtually destroyed and rendered useless out of a total mileage of approximately 2000 in Belgium.

An urgent appeal to all Germans to unite to prevent former Emperor William from being delivered up for trial was published in the Landes Zeitung Deutschland, a new government organ being issued at Weimar.

A sensation was created at Tokio when it became known that Sumako, who had been regarded as Japan's greatest actress, committed suicide on the last day of the new year holidays.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, former premier of Canada, was stricken with paralysis at Ottawa on February 16. His condition is reported critical.

President Wilson was the central figure of the plenary peace conference at Paris on February 14, when he read the covenant establishing a league of nations. There was added interest in the session as it was the last gathering of the delegates prior to the president's departure as well as being the occasion of presenting the document with which his name was identified.

Troops took possession of the gas works and electric power station in Belfast on February 14. The mayor, in a proclamation, says it is now assured that military support will be given the authorities, and asks for volunteers to carry on municipal services.

Lava in the greatest quantity observed in forty years is flowing from Kilauea, the largest active volcano in the world. The lava is pouring over all sides of the central fire-pit walls onto the old crater floor. Scientists said they expected the lake of lava to subside within a month.

In the Tower of London, where sovereigns have been beheaded, famous characters in English history imprisoned and imperishable incidents enacted, a number of German spies were executed during the world war, thus keeping up the tower's reputation for historical narrative and adventure.

Dr. R. Bey, a former vali of Diabek, accused of complicity in Armenian massacres, who recently escaped from custody, was run to earth by the Turkish police and shot himself through the head to avoid arrest, it is reported.

The U. S. S. George Washington arrived at Brest on the 13th, to carry President Wilson back to the United States. Twenty destroyers will join the George Washington on her return trip at the Azores.

The Bourgeois proposition for an international military force to enforce peace was defeated by an overwhelming vote at the meeting of the society of nations commission at Paris. The French and Czechoslovakians were the only representatives voting in the affirmative.

A trainload of German officers being brought back from Palestine arrived at Geneva, February 13. All of them were ignorant of recent events in Germany and did not know of the revolution or the former Kaiser's flight into Holland.

His Earliest Lesson



HIS FAMILY SEAT 1732--Washington--1799

Early English Home of Washingtons, Manor of Sulgrave.

ALTHOUGH Warton, in Lancashire, can claim to be the earliest of the discovered English homes of the Washingtons, it is not until the family settled at Sulgrave, in Northamptonshire, that they emerge definitely into history. Even with that restriction the story is carried back to the sixteenth century, and introduces us to the Lawrence Washington whose curious brass effigy is



Manor House at Brington, Now the Washington House.

the chief treasure of Sulgrave church. He received a grant of Sulgrave manor from Henry VIII, and on a picturesque corner of his estate he carried to completion that manor house which the American pilgrim now seeks with such affectionate interest.

Partly, no doubt, this picturesque building embodies the shell of an old structure, but in the main it stands today as finally remodeled by its most famous owner.

As at Sulgrave, so at Brington, it is in the village church that the memorials of Washington's English ancestors are to be seen in richest abundance. The most notable of these is the long stone slab in the chancel floor, now partly hidden by pews, the surface of which is carefully protected by a wooden cover. This is to the memory of that Lawrence Washington who was the uncle of the great president's American ancestor. Here again is the Washington shield, but the family arms are impaled with those of the Butler family, one of whose members became Lawrence Washington's wife.

FAMOUS AS SWIFT RUNNER

Few Men, When Washington Was in His Prime, Could Successfully Compete With Him.

"As to running," said Parson Weems in his book on George Washington, "the swift-footed Achilles could scarcely have matched his speed. 'Egad, he ran wonderfully!' said my amiable and aged friend John Fitzhugh, Esq., who knew him well. 'We had nobody hereabouts who could come near him. There was young Langhorn Dade of Westmoreland, a clean-made, tight young fellow and a mighty swift runner, too; but, then, he was no match for George. Langy, indeed, did not like to give up, and would brag that sometimes he had brought George to a tie. But I believe he was mistaken, for I have seen them run together many a time, and George always beat him easy enough.'"

THE defender of his country—the founder of liberty—the friend of man. History and tradition are explored in vain for a parallel to his character.

In the annals of modern greatness he stands alone; and the noblest names of antiquity lose their luster in his presence. Born the benefactor of mankind, he united all the qualities necessary to an illustrious career.

Nature made him great; he made himself virtuous.

Called by his country to the defense of her liberties, he triumphantly vindicated the rights of humanity, and on the pillars of national independence laid the foundations of a great republic.

Twice invested with Supreme Magistracy by the unanimous vote of a free people, he surpassed in the Cabinet the glories of the field, and voluntarily resigning the scepter and the sword, retired to the shades of private life.

A spectacle so new and so sublime was contemplated with the profoundest admiration, and the name of Washington, adding new luster to humanity, resounded to the remotest regions of the earth.

Magnanimous in youth, glorious through life, great in death. His highest ambition, the happiness of mankind. His noblest victory, the conquest of himself.

Bequeathing to posterity the inheritance of his fame, and building his monument in the hearts of his countrymen, he lived the ornament of the eighteenth century; he died regretted by a mourning world.

NEW WASHINGTON STATUE



The picture shows a new statue of George Washington which has been placed on a pedestal which has long been vacant in Washington arch.

Mount Vernon Unchanged.

Mount Vernon stands today exactly as it was when General Washington was living; the trees a little larger grown, but the garden and the lawns, the houses and barns and stables and great vistas precisely as he would have had them, and it might well be imagined that his spirit broods over these scenes of his earthly happiness with fine approval of the devoted service of his countrywomen in keeping alive here the lamp of chivalry in the souls of men.

AT VALLEY FORGE

Makeshift Abodes Afforded Little Shelter to Patriot Army.

NEW standards of comfort, even luxury, were established by the government in building the soldiers' barracks in the great military camps. The men's sleeping quarters, for instance, were designed by experts to meet a special demand, and the sanitary problems have been worked out with the greatest care.

When Washington's army, after struggling through the snow, reached



Barrack of Washington's Day.

Valley Forge, they found little or no shelter. Even Washington slept for several days under canvas. The soldiers were set to work at once to build shelters to protect them against the intense cold. A prize of \$12 was offered by Washington for the first hut to be completed in the quickest and most workmanlike manner. The huts were built of logs cut in the neighboring forest and at first covered with canvas and later with straw.

MARK OF TRUE GREATNESS

First President's Noble Humility One of the Finest Attributes of His Character.

Great as Washington was, yet in his breast brightly burned the light of humility. One of the favorite passages of Washington's farewell message reads as follows:

"Though in reviewing the incidents of my administration, I am unconscious of intentional error, I am, nevertheless, too sensible of my defects, not to think it probable that I may have committed many errors. Whatever they may be, I fervently beseech the Almighty to avert or mitigate the evil to which they may tend. I shall also carry with me the hope that my country will not cease to view them with indulgence; and that after 45 years of my life dedicated to its service with an upright zeal, the faults of incompetent abilities will be consigned to oblivion, as myself soon must be to the mansions of rest."

Washington's Signet Ring.

The signet ring of George Washington has been found. This ring, which the Father of His Country wore all his life, is in the possession of a Washington woman, whose name and claim to it are not made public.

The ring bears the crest of the family of General Washington's grandmother, that of the Montivuto, which was converted colloquially into Montague. Her first husband was a Captain Johnson, and by her second husband, Capt. Joseph Ball, she had a daughter, Mary Ball, George Washington's mother.

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TURKS' "FEAST OF BAIRAM"

Day That Is Observed by Moslem Corresponds With the Christmas of the Christians.

The Turk takes his pleasures pretty sadly; about the only time he publicly relaxes is during the feast of Bairam, which in the way of gift giving, feasting and good will to man corresponds to our Christmas. On that day every good Moslem kills a lamb, its fleece dyed a bright orange with gold or silver leaf, says the Christian Science Monitor.

When the lamb has been sacrificed on the morning of the festival, its flesh is divided into three portions, one being given to the poor, another to relatives, the third being kept for the household. On that day the sultan goes to the mosque which is nearest the Yildiz Kiosk—the vast assemblage of buildings which go to make up the imperial residence—thousands collect to watch the bent, frock coated, yellow faced, blackeyed, red fozzed little man driven sadly by, in a plain black barouche; followed by regiments of cavalry, infantry and marines; also—a quaint custom—by a half-dozen led horses—beautiful, graceful Arabians.

The month-long fast of Ramadan is held by the Moslem to be a divine institution. Its observance is strictly enjoined on all true believers over the age of fourteen, invalids and travelers only excepted. Ramadan is held in the ninth month of the Mohammedan year. The Moslem year being lunar, Ramadan makes in the course of time the round of the seasons. But through the winter days, from sunrise to sunset, the pious Mohammedan does not take a bit of food or sup of drink; he also abstains entirely from coffee, tobacco and sweets. But the moment the echoes of the sunset gun have died he is at liberty to break his fast.

Gautier and His Cats.

One of Gautier's peculiarities was love for cats. As soon as he could conveniently do so he afforded himself the luxury of twelve of the handsomest felines that money could purchase. It was an interesting sight to behold this Hercules in his writing room playing with his regiment of cats, whom he had taught to love one another as they did himself. When some of them broke a valuable object of art—his study, by the way, was a curiosity shop—he seriously deliberated upon getting rid of them; but when the man he had engaged came to remove the obnoxious pets, he relented and sent him away. He named each one of them after some well-known person to whom he fancied it bore resemblance, physical or otherwise. He seldom wrote anything without a cat or two in his lap.—Maurice Mauris.

Arctic Circle Flower Garden.

A flower garden in Spitzbergen sounds like an anomaly. Spitzbergen being within the arctic circle. A party of British travelers, struck with the beauty of a plateau, called it the Flower Garden ever after. It was in the nineties of last century and the party that of Sir Martin Conway. Landing in midsummer on one of the headlands by Dickinson bay, they were impressed with the deep water, clear as crystal, the marvelous wealth of seaweed, the splendor of a great glacier and the sharp blue peaks of the mountains separating glacier from glacier; while in another direction, over Advent point, coiled wreaths of ragged clouds. Added to it all was a carpet of flowers—arndromeda, saxifrage and dryas; so the Flower Garden was actual after all.

French in South America.

Throughout South America French is almost universally read; editions of the classics are in most homes, and book stores are filled with modern French writers of prose or verse, both in translation and in the original.

Wholesome Don't.

Don't lose your temper. It is of far more importance to keep good tempered and undisturbed even if things do go a little wrong than to set the nerves of the whole family on edge because of some omission.